

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiners Serrou and Smits for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's agent, Robert G. Hartman, on February 12, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's agent submitted differences between U.S. Patent Nos. 6,778,949 to Duan et al. and 5,854,997 to Sukeda et al., and the claimed subject matter. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's agent proposed to amend each of the independent claims to further highlight features of Applicant's claims. Applicant's agent also submitted during the interview that Applicant's specification supports such amendments. Applicant's agent understood the Examiners to agree. Applicant's agent also understood the Examiners to agree that each of the proposed amendments would at least overcome the outstanding rejections based on Duan and Sukeda. The Examiners also indicated that they would need to update their search.

Accordingly, the independent claims are amended herein, as discussed during the interview.